1. Full Citation  
   Ann Thryft, “Will RoHS Laws Go Global?” Nikkei Electronics Asia (May 2007), available at http://techon.nikkeibp.co.jp/article/HONSHI/20070424/131614/, accessed April 2013.
2. Where did/does the author work, what else has s/he written about, and what are her/his credentials?

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1. What are the topics of the text?  
   This text covers the electronics waste regulations being enacted by California and China, which follow the spirit of the EU’s RoHS regulations, which have been causing complaints from the US manufactures.
2. What is the main argument of the text?  
   This text argue that these two new regulations will be just as progressive and restrictive as the EU’s RoHS regulation, and therefore electronic manufacturing companies should get used to the idea.
3. Describe 3 ways the argument is supported.

The article supports this claim with a review of California’s EWRA (2007), which specifically mimics the RoHS directive.

The article then discusses how China’s Ministry of Information Industry rendition of the RoHS laws, which are significantly more restrictive then the EWRA

1. What three quotes capture the text?

“As a result of all this, not long from now, RoHS-like laws governing manufacturing are likely to be a global fact of doing business for electronics manufacturers everywhere.” Para 2

“Many manufacturers have therefore found it much more difficult to prepare for this transition than for the EU switchover.” Para 11

“In the US, an increasing number of different state-by-state regulations have already caused confusion among electronics manufacturers and distributors that are trying to keep track of all of them.” Para 3

1. Three questions about environmental risk and precaution?

How much of the regulation of products and manufacturing be standardized across the world such that there is equal competition and streamlined manufacturing processes?

Should companies just take the precautionary approach and go with the tightest regulations globally, in order to avoid any hassles down the road?